

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An agent~~ A method for treating diabetes, which comprises the steps of:

(a) administering one or more stem cell-recruiting factors as active ingredients; and

(b) regenerating β -cells in pancreatic Langerhans' islets.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An agent~~ A method for regenerating β -cells in pancreatic Langerhans' islets, which comprises administering one or more stem cell-recruiting factors as active ingredients.

Claims 5-6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An agent~~ A method for preventing β -cell disruption in pancreatic Langerhans' islets, which comprises administering one or more stem cell-recruiting factors as active ingredients.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Original) A method for producing pancreatic Langerhans β -cells, which comprises the steps of:

(a) collecting stem cells after administering one or more stem cell-recruiting factors; and

(b) differentiating the collected stem cells into pancreatic Langerhans β -cells.

Claims 11-13 (Cancelled).

14. (Previously Presented) The method for producing pancreatic Langerhans β -cells according to claim 10, wherein the stem cell-recruiting factor is a colony-stimulating factor.

15. (Previously Presented) The method for producing pancreatic Langerhans β -cells according to claim 11, wherein the colony-stimulating factor is granulocyte colony-stimulating factor.

16. (New) A method for treating diabetes, which comprises the steps of:

(a) administering one or more stem cell-recruiting factors as active ingredients; and

(b) preventing β -cell disruption in pancreatic Langerhans' islets